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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of**

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**Serial No.:** 10/016,628      **Group Art Unit:** 1756

**Filed:** December 17, 2001    **Examiner:** Barreca, Nicole M.

**For:** PELLICLE, PHOTOMASK, PELLICLE FRAME, AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING PELLICLE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-25 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-22 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 23-25 have been added. Claim 22 has been withdrawn from prosecution by the Examiner. Claims 1, 14, 19, and 22 are independent.